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3. Q. What is the outcome of our discussions with Saudi leaders on AWACS and other arms transfers? What promises have we received from the Saudis regarding the use of the arms?

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A. -- At every capital on my trip I found a common recognition of the danger of the increasing Soviet threat to the region and a sincere appreciation for our determination to take effective measures to resist the expansion of Soviet power. There were--to be sure--differing approaches to other problems in the region. But our firm determination to halt the Soviet advance was warmly welcomed everywhere.

-- In Saudi Arabia I affirmed our decision to sell F-15 enhancement items, early warning aircraft (AWACS) and tankers. The Saudis were naturally pleased and emphasized to me their desire for this equipment to bolster their defenses along the Persian Gulf. The Saudis stated quite clearly that they have no offensive intentions against any nation.

-- I did not go into any details regarding the equipment we propose to sell. We will be in touch with the Saudis concerning specific arrangements for the operation and support of this equipment.

-- Two things were made very clear, however. First, we and the Saudis share an important national interest in seeing that the Saudis have adequate tools to defend the oil facilities that are vital to the entire Western world. Second, our willingness to help the Saudis with their legitimate defense requirements will contribute in an important way to strengthening their confidence in our reliability and to their willingness to cooperate with us on defense matters.